

Senate ad hoc Committee to Investigate NTS Faculty Issues
Minutes January 28, 2015

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1. We discussed the feedback received from our presentation of our Interim Report at Faculty Assembly on January 13, 2015.
 - a. When asked for a show of hands of NTS faculty at the Jan 13 meeting, we noted that over half the faculty there identified themselves as NTS.
 - b. Faculty were invited to comment about the report on the Senate Website since we did not have time to finish our presentation. We were pleased at the number of comments we received.
 - c. We felt the coverage of the meeting in the University Times was excellent. This article also invited feedback on our report be directed to the Senate Website.
 - d. The feedback was quite positive about the various recommendations, although some additional issues were noted that we had not addressed.
2. It was decided that no changes were needed in the Recommendations listed in the Jan 13 report.
3. We discussed the draft of recommendations for Senate Committees first drafted on April 18, 2014 by Sue Skledar and Irene Frieze. A number of changes were made, and can be found in the Final Report for Presentation at Faculty Assembly.
4. Assuming our recommendations are accepted, we feel we won't need to meet again. We hope to see a number of continuing issues addressed by a new ad hoc committee.
5. At the end of the meeting Carey raised the issue of adding an introduction that more clearly explained some of the Provost's Office long term work relating to NTS faculty. Irene and Carey will work on drafting this introduction for approval of the committee.